

Consideration of the dedication of an addition to Fourteen Mile Creek Nature Preserve, Clark County

The proposed nature preserve addition is a 743.16 -acre property located within the boundaries of Charlestown State Park, near Charlestown, Indiana.

The proposed addition would add 743.16 acres to the existing 858.63 acre Fourteen Mile Creek Nature Preserve. This preserve contains a very dissected landscape comprised of deep ravines, sinkholes on relatively level uplands, and caves, with tributaries to Fourteen Mile Creek and frontage on the Ohio River. High quality natural communities found here include limestone glades, caves, and mesic upland forest. A number of very rare plants and cave invertebrates have been documented from the proposed nature preserve.

The tract is owned and is under the administration of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of State Parks and Reservoirs.

The Division of Nature Preserves and the Division of State Parks and Reservoirs recommend dedication of this site as a State Nature Preserve.

Attached is Nature Preserves Exhibit A: map indicating the location and boundaries of the proposed addition to the nature preserve.

Nature Preserves Exhibit A
Fourteen-Mile Creek Nature Preserve

County: Clark

USGS Quads: Charlestown & Owen

Size: 743.16

Ownership: Indiana Division of State Parks and Reservoirs

